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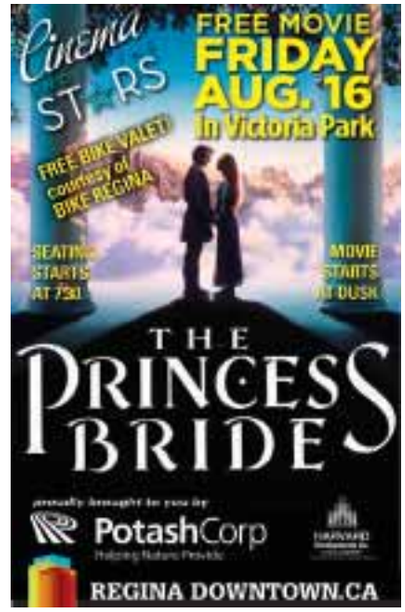

TRUE NORTH STRONG

Humboldt's Brianne Theisen Eaton celebrates after winning silver in the heptathlon following the 800-metre race at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on Tuesday. **Story, page 11.** ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Troubling' audit sent to Mounties

Pamela Wallin scandal. Senate committee also orders expenses repaid, pledges to keep a close eye on senator's future claims in wake of Deloitte report

Partisan Conservative fundraisers, a short hop to catch a flight to the sunny Caribbean and glitzy awards galas are just some of the expenses Sen. Pamela Wallin billed to taxpayers under the guise of Senate business.

The beleaguered Saskatchewan senator now faces the prospect of an RCMP probe as well as paying back more than $82,000 after an audit flagged a host of inappropriate travel claims dating back to her very first days in the upper chamber.

Wallin's ability to travel on the taxpayers' dime will also be restricted for at least the next 12 months, members of the Senate committee that reviewed the audit said Tuesday as they pledged to keep a close eye on her future claims.

"I believe I can speak for my colleagues on both sides when I say that we found aspects of the Deloitte report very troubling," said Liberal Sen. George Furey, one of three senators on a steering committee who reported on the audit.

"We're very conscious of our responsibility as committee members to ensure that all Senate resources are properly allocated."

No issues here

$390,182

The auditors determined that $390,182 of the $532,508 claimed by Wallin for travel was appropriate.

The former broadcaster has called the audit into her travel claims "fundamentally flawed and unfair," and her attorney has complained to auditing firm Deloitte about constant leaks of confidential information.

"Virtually nothing has happened on this file involving communications from Sen. Wallin or Deloitte to the (Senate) committee which has not in some form or another found its way into the media," lawyer Terrence O'Sullivan wrote.

Wallin's office has yet to respond to a request for comment.

The audit examined every flight Wallin took over 1,369 days between Jan. 1, 2009, and Sept. 30, 2012, between Ottawa and Saskatchewan, the province she represents — many of them with stopovers in Toronto of at least one night.

Deloitte auditors flagged $121,348 in inappropriate expenses and called for further review of nearly $21,000 in additional claims. Wallin has already repaid $38,000, and has since promised to reimburse any disallowed expenses — with interest — out of her own pocket.

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Maybe you'll be amazed when McCartney hits Mosaic stage

Tonight. Sir Paul expected to go out with a bang

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A knight is in the Queen City and he's ready to rock Mosaic Stadium.

Former Beatle and all-around rock star Sir Paul McCartney will be bringing his Out There Tour to Regina Wednesday night.

"I think you can expect that since this is going to the last show on this cycle, they are going to want to go out with a bang," said Paul Haagenson, president of Live Nation Canada.

"This is their first time in Regina and they really set out to create a magical event for people — it's not just one more show."

Coming off a big show in Winnipeg on Monday night, the hype around the concert has grown as pictures and tweets from Manitoba creep into our cybersphere — including a set list — but Haagenson says each show is a little different.

"There is always a couple of surprises at every show," said Haagenson, "but you have to be there to see them."

Details

- **Doors open at 6 p.m.** with McCartney hitting the stage at 8 p.m. sharp until about 11 p.m. Traffic restrictions in the area start at 5 p.m. and free shuttle service in 15 minute intervals from five pickup locations begins at 5:30 p.m.

A consistent level of astonishment

"There is always a couple of surprises at every show."

Paul Haagenson, president of Live Nation Canada

Coming off a sold-out show at Winnipeg's Investors Group Field on Monday, Sir Paul McCartney will hit the stage at Mosaic Stadium at 8 p.m. for three hours of music. DARCEY FINDLEY/FOR METRO

Chamber to launch ads for proposed plant

Jim Holmes METRO

Aiming to dispel the "myths and misconceptions" surrounding the city's proposed wastewater treatment plant, the Regina Chamber of Commerce will fund its own campaign arguing against scrapping the project in the upcoming referendum, CEO John Hopkins told Metro Tuesday.

"We will have our own campaign, including (purchasing) advertising," he said, noting the Chamber will not provide any direct support to the city during the run-up to the vote.

The Chamber does not plan on soliciting any additional donations, according to Hopkins, but rather will draw from its own resources to fund the campaign.

He said it's still too early to estimate how much money the group will invest in the race.

"Whatever it is, it won't be as much as Regina Water Watch," he said. "We can't match them."

Hopkins said the Chamber is getting involved to clarify certain aspects of the wastewater plant debate that he sees as being misrepresented by project opponents.

"This is not about the water we drink, it's about what happens when we flush the toilet — that's a big misconception," he said, referring to a recent CUPE ad showing a young girl drinking water, that urges residents to "keep water public."

"(Also) this isn't privatization, no asset is changing hands," he added.

Jim Holmes, spokesman for Regina Water Watch, said he has no qualms with community groups like the Chamber actively campaigning in the race.

"It's useful for any community organization to weigh on what they think of the pros and cons of public policy," he said. "If that's what they feel — the more voices, the better."

Mayor Michael Fougere said everyone, including the Chamber of Commerce, is free to "weigh in" as part of a public policy debate.

In a special meeting Wednesday, city council will consider a report about the logistics of the referendum.

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

University of Regina

Faculty questions ability of administration

Some faculty members at the University of Regina have started a petition that questions the ability of the school's president and academic vice-president.

The petition requests a special meeting of University Council to discuss whether faculty still has confidence in the senior administration.

The faculty claim non-academic positions have increased while teaching jobs have been cut, that education is being hurt and that donor funds are being mismanaged.

A special meeting requires a petition signed by at least 50 members of the council.

The online petition — which closes Thursday — shows 38 signatures so far.

The faculty says in a letter to media that it would be inappropriate to talk about the petition at such an early stage. Officials with the university could not immediately be reached for comment.

A document accompanying the petition says: "Reduced academic resources in core faculties of the university have diminished the research profile of the university, reduced the number and range of courses we offer, reduced the quality of our programs, and thereby reduced the quality of the education we provide."

It claims the president and academic vice-president "are responsible for a significant portion of these damages."

The faculty members also say there are questions of transparency over how money is spent. They allege $1 million for the creation of a trust fund to support a research chair with a focus on heavy oil recovery processes was instead used to cover overspending in the faculty of engineering.

If there is support for a special meeting and University Council passes the motion, a non-confidence vote could be held by secret ballot.

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Cyclist nearly severs spine after hitting tape strung in road

'Took the force of it on my chin.' Bicycling to work quickly turned into a nightmare for father after he collided with electrical tape

LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

Sterling Eyford nearly severed his spine and now has five titanium plates holding his jaw together, all because electrical tape was mysteriously strung across a road in Victoria, B.C.

Eyford, 34, was cycling to work Friday morning when he collided with the tape. He was thrown off his bike and landed on the road.

"I took the whole force of it on my chin," he said.

His jaw shattered in two places. He lost a tooth. He hyperextended his neck. He has minor neurological damage in his hands and arms, and will be eating through a straw for weeks.

"I pushed my spinal cord as far as it could go without being severed," he said. "I feel lucky. It could have been so much worse."

Eyford works as a casual producer for CBC, and says the "stupid prank" will cost him weeks of work and put undue stress on his family.

"I have two little girls at home," he said. "I can't even pick my kids up right now."

According to the Victoria Police Department, the black tape was strung on an angle between two traffic signs on Kings Road. It's not clear why the tape was there, or whether it was an intentional attempt to target cyclists or motorists.

Police are appealing to the public for help identifying possible suspects.

"I hope the whole weight of the law falls on these people," Eyford said.

"But I also want them to realize they did something extremely stupid and extremely violent.

"They attacked me."

Sterling Eyford in 2007. FACEBOOK

Protesters demand 'justice for all'

Sarah Yatim, sister of Sammy Yatim, helps lead a march up Yonge Street in Toronto. Hundreds of protesters waving banners and placards spilled into the streets outside the city's police headquarters Tuesday chanting "Justice for Sammy, justice for all" for an 18-year-old who died after being shot and Tasered by officers last month. Yatim's mother and sister, along with the families of other police shooting victims in Ontario, attended the protest, which coincided with a monthly public meeting of Toronto's police services board. TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Iron Dome. Israeli army shoots down rocket near Red Sea resort town

The Israeli military shot down a rocket launched toward a Red Sea resort town near the border with Egypt on Tuesday, the army said.

It was the first time Israel's Iron Dome missile defence system successfully intercepted a rocket attack on the resort of Eilat, the military said. The incident came after days of heightened tension along the Egypt-Israel border.

The army said the rocket was intercepted early Tuesday and that there were no injuries. It didn't provide more details.

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Egypt. Interim president reinforces authority, swears in 20 governors

Egypt's interim president swore in 20 new provincial governors on Tuesday, a move that reinforces the new leadership's authority and removes all Muslim Brotherhood members previously installed in the posts by Mohammed Morsi before his ouster as president.

The shake-up came as supporters of Morsi reinforced their six-week-old sit-ins in the capital and rallied for more protests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colleen Ransom with a picture of her daughter Emma and the pouch of her ashes. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Thieves dump out ashes of crash victim

Calgary. Police look to speak with three teenage girls spotted in the neighbourhood

JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

Car prowlers on the hunt for loose change and other valuables have taken something from a grieving Calgary mother that money can't buy.

Colleen Ransom had kept her daughter Emma's ashes in her pickup truck since the 19-year-old student and three friends were killed in a 2009 car crash.

On Aug. 2, several vehicles were broken into on Colleen's street, and someone removed a green pouch with Emma's ashes inside and emptied it onto the rain-soaked street.

Colleen was able to salvage only a few ashes and came forward Tuesday pleading with the public to help police nab the burglars.

"Who would do that?" she said. "Who would take the ashes and dump them ... it's a violation."

Also stolen was a green rain jacket that belonged to Emma.

Police are looking to speak with three girls between the ages of 14 and 17 spotted in the neighbourhood around the time of the break-ins.

"It's hard for me to even imagine suffering the loss of a daughter," said acting Staff Sgt. Lee Stanton. "And now unfortunately our victim has been victimized once again, and we're looking for the public's help to find those responsible."

Neighbour Garrett Smith said most of the neighbours he's spoken to said the thieves took only change out of the vehicles and ignored higher-value electronics.

Colleen, meanwhile, says she may now keep Emma's remaining ashes in her purse.

"(The pain) never goes away, anyway," she said. "She's always there.... I think about her constantly."

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Keystone XL. Billionaire wants war of words with big-oil boss over pipeline

A San Francisco billionaire has challenged TransCanada chief Russ Girling to a live debate on the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Tom Steyer, an ardent critic of the project and a major Democratic financier, extended his invitation in an open letter to Girling on Tuesday.

"Let's have a real, substantial conversation about the issues at hand, and have the viewing public decide for themselves as to which of us is in possession of the more persuasive and the more important argument," Steyer wrote.

Earlier this year, Steyer teamed up with a coalition of environmental groups on an anti-pipeline social-media campaign.

A TransCanada spokesman didn't say if Girling would accept the challenge.

"We respect the environmental review process put in place by the U.S. Department of State and we have been working within that process for nearly five years," said Shawn Howard in an email.

"A decision on a Presidential Permit for Keystone XL will ultimately be made by the administration and we are hopeful that decision is made in the coming months."

Howard added the project is expected to create thousands of jobs and displace U.S. imports of crude from unfriendly countries — assertions Steyer disputes.

Throwdown

"I care so much that the truth comes out that I hereby challenge you to a debate on the merits and faults of the Keystone XL pipeline."
Tom Steyer, San Francisco billionaire

A draft State Department report earlier this year raised no major environmental red flags with the proposal, which had been rerouted to reduce some of the ecological impact in Nebraska.

U.S. President Barack Obama — who has final say over the pipeline — has expressed skepticism that the pipeline will be a significant job creator. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caught red-handed?

Doctor accused of stealing drugs out of smuggler's gut

Russian police have arrested a surgeon who they say stole some of the heroin he had been called on to extract from the stomach of a suspected drug mule.

Police in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk say that after investigators discovered some of the drugs were missing, they searched the surgeon and found a packet containing five grams of heroin in his clothes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toxin 400K times limit

Derailment has fouled area: Tests

Tests conducted by an environmental group suggest last month's Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster had a devastating impact on water quality and soil.

Extremely high concentrations of carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic, detected in surface water, have "confirmed the fears" of the Société pour vaincre la pollution, the group said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Food safety. Coca-Cola ads to defend artificial sweeteners

Coca-Cola plans to run its first ad defending the safety of artificial sweeteners on Wednesday, a move that comes as the company looks to stem declining sales of diet soda.

The print ad is set to run in USA Today in the Atlanta area, followed by the Atlanta Journal Constitution on Thursday and the Chicago Tribune next week. It says that diet drinks can help people manage their weight and stresses the scientific evidence showing the safety of aspartame, more commonly known under the NutraSweet brand name.

The ad represents the next phase of a campaign Coca-Cola Co. launched in January to push back at critics who blame its sugary drinks for spiking obesity rates.

The first wave of ads outlined the company's commitment to fighting obesity and pointed to the many diet options it offers.

Now Coca-Cola is trying to reassure people that those lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. "Coke is trying to get out front and proactively defend these diet sweeteners," said John Sicher, editor of Beverage Digest.

Sales of diet sodas are falling at a faster rate than regular sodas in the U.S., according to Beverage Digest. The declines come even though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says aspartame may be safely used in foods as a sweetener. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Railway in Quebec tragedy has its licence suspended

Montreal. Federal regulator made call after reviewing MMA's liability insurance

An engineer checks the engine of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic locomotive on July 11 outside the company's offices in the town of Farnham, Que. The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificate of fitness for the embattled railway company. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The railway at the centre of the Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster will have its operating licence suspended in Canada, a severe blow to an already crippled company.

The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificates of fitness for the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd. and its Canadian subsidiary, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Canada Co.

The arm's-length federal regulator says it made the decision after reviewing the railway's third-party liability insurance following the fiery July 6 derailment that killed 47 people and wiped out part of downtown Lac-Mégantic.

"We have concluded that (the coverage) is not adequate, thereby we have no choice but to suspend their certificate of fitness," said agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Bannister. "We have given them until Aug. 20 to conclude their railway activities in Canada."

The agency said it had advised the railway that it must maintain at least the same amount of third-party liability coverage it had before the derailment. But it said MMA's insurance broker indicated the aggregate coverage had been cut in half since the derailment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HYPERLOOP CREATOR HAS CREDIBILITY

JUST SAYIN'

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How cool is this:

A transport system that gets people from San Francisco to Los Angeles in half an hour using currently available technology?

It's called Hyperloop, the latest crazy plan from Elon Musk, the visionary who has so far given the world PayPal, the Tesla electric car and SpaceX, the world's only private space program.

Hyperloop is a solar-powered, lightweight, pneumatic system that proposes to move people and cars from one destination to another at 1,000 kilometres an hour. The tubes would follow California's I-5 and, unlike the rapid rail system now in the planning process, farmers would still be able to plant their crops under the columns.

Any way you look at it — cost, speed, efficiency, access, land use — Musk's estimated $10-billion bright idea compares favourably to the now-planned $70-billion-to-$100-billion train that would poke along at about 320 kilometres an hour.

So why is everyone dumping all over it? Typical of the expert opinion on Hyperloop is Richard White, a professor of American history at Stanford and author of Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America.

"It doesn't seem plausible to me," he told The New York Times. "I'm suspicious about everything, especially cost."

I'm not sure what Richard White thought when Musk announced SpaceX in 2002, but I don't think there was anyone who really believed it would be the first privately held company to take cargo to the International Space Station a mere 10 years later.

Elon Musk has visionary cred. While the tenured professors of negativity mutter in their beards, Elon Musk is busy designing the future. Along with a few others such as the recently departed Steve Jobs, Google's Sergey Brin and tech-genius emeritus Bill Gates.

Not everything these guys dream up works. Landfills are littered with Newton personal digital assistants and Vista software bundles and Google seems to shut down as many services as it launches, but look at what they've brought to the table. Modern wonders of the world:

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- Programs that allow you to write, calculate, communicate, design, create and connect, all from your lap.
- Small devices that fit into your pocket that allow you to store, organize and access as many beautiful words, pictures and melodies as you can stand.

Not to mention a rocket-ship company that has single-handedly saved the International Space Station, our seed pod to the stars.

Sadly, for every Elon Musk, there are 100 Richard Whites. Eminent, expert and enervating. People who can tell you how it won't work. Prophets of failure.

We need more Elon Musks, people who look at grinding challenges such as gridlock and climate change and see opportunity. More than that: They see excitement. Their eyes sparkle.

It's like corny old Buzz Lightyear likes to say: To infinity and beyond! Why would we want to go anywhere else?

ZOOM

Rustic rock villa meets urban upset

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One castle in the sky not wanted

A mysterious Chinese medicine practitioner has been ordered to dismantle a rocky mountain villa built on top of a 26-storey block of apartments in Beijing.

Neighbours say Prof. Zhang Biqing began to illegally build the huge rock dwelling six years ago and they live in fear that the weight will cause the building to collapse. **METRO**

Costly

$3.5M

At 27,349 yuan ($4,468 US) per square metre for property in the Chinese capital, and 800 square metres (8,600 square feet) of rocky terrain, Zhang's luxury rooftop pad could be worth more than $3.5 million US.

The faux mountain home is covered by fake rockeries, real trees and bushes, and is located in one of the city's more upmarket areas.

Unlicensed add-ons and alterations to homes is a common practice among China's wealthiest.

15-day deadline for demolition

The suites beneath Zhang's already suffer from cracks and leaking roofs. One neighbour had complained to the local urban management office, but Zhang allegedly hired thugs to beat him up and he then moved away. Following media exposure, the local urban management office has now ordered Zhang to dismantle the property within 15 days or it will be torn down. **METRO**

Quoted

"Since I dare to live here, I am not worried about complaints. Famous people come to my place and sing. How can you stop them? I used to worry that the house might be too much but I never expected this much attention."
Zhang told Beijing Morning News

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Are you suffering from the affliction of having way too much available data on your phone plan? Nip that problem in the bud with these recent online multiplayer gems. Besides, it's more fun to play together.

Ultima Forever

What's being billed as the App Store's largest free-to-play RPG has been a blast in the days since it launched. There's no cross-platform play, sadly, but the developers are promising it. (iOS/Free)

Finest Hour

This turn-based, First World War-era tank warfare with a board game feel has been my favourite release for quite a while. Manage your fleet of armoured war machines, with special care to positioning that exploits the weaknesses of your opponents' tanks while defending against the vulnerabilities of your own. Easily worth the cost. (iOS/$0.99)

Disc Drivin'

OK, so there's nothing new about Disc Drivin', but I've recently rediscovered it buried among my app folders. A turn-based racing game where the vehicle of choice is a weighted disc you flick around a tricky track. (iOS/$1.99)

Letters

RE: Ontario to examine pesticides as possible cause of bee deaths, published July 9

It was good to see a couple of articles back in July on the problems honeybees are having. Keep up the good work. I think the public needs to be made aware of how the honeybee has become an essential part of modern agriculture. Without it, the large crops of fruits, vegetables, nuts and even cotton wouldn't be pollinated.

The U.S. lost so many honeybee colonies that every year the country imports honeybees from Australia in order to satisfy the demand from farmers.

Can you imagine having to hand pollinate the flowers on a pear tree in order to get a pear to grow? Can you imagine the cost of the fruit? Well it is already happening. There is a province in China that no longer has honeybees due to the use of pesticides and the pear trees have to be hand pollinated.

A few months ago the EU banned neonicotinoids for a couple of years. Hopefully this will help to slow or reverse the trend of the declining honeybee populations.

When a bug eats a leaf, it dies. When a honeybee takes pollen and nectar to its hive, it therefore feeds this poison to the brood as well as the adult bees.

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You're not paranoid — movies on espionage are good business

I spy. Opening this weekend, Paranoia won't be the last in a long list of movies about double crossing businesses

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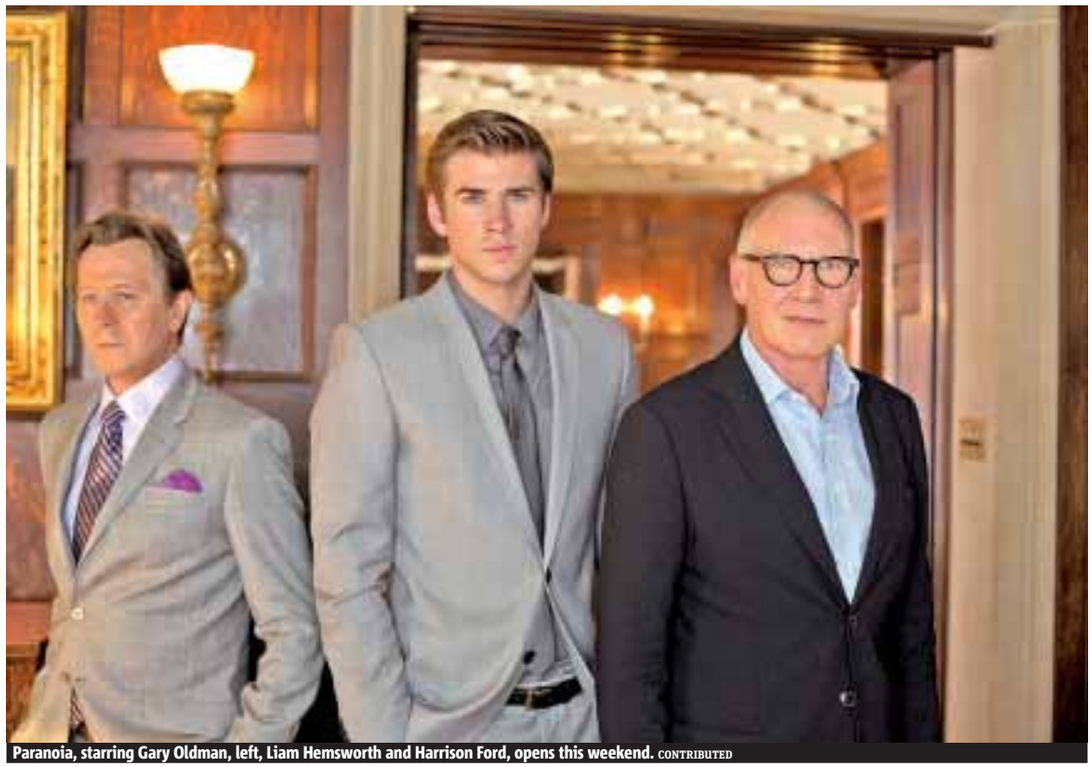

Paranoia, starring Gary Oldman, left, Liam Hemsworth and Harrison Ford, opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

The word espionage is most commonly used in relation to spy stories. It conjures up images of James Bond, exotic locations and wild action scenes. But in many movies espionage has little to do with shaken not stirred martinis and Bond girls, and more to do with corporate secrets and intrigue.

This weekend, Paranoia explores the world of big business espionage as Adam Cassidy (Liam Hemsworth) finds himself doing dangerous double duty in the billion dollar world of high tech.

As an entry level employee, his boss Nicholas Wyatt (Gary Oldman) promises him a corner office, among other things, if he will spy on rival tech giant Jock Goddard (Harrison Ford).

That movie is set in the world of bits and bytes but corporate espionage comes in as many styles as that ergonomically designed chair in the CEO's office.

As the title would suggest, the movie Duplicity is ripe with lies and underhanded dealings. Julia Roberts and Clive Owen are former government spies now working in the private sector. Despite being intimately involved, they work for rival shampoo companies. It's a romantic comedy about undercover activities. Imagine if Rock Hudson and Doris Day had starred in Mission Impossible and you get the idea.

Genetics is the currency in New Rose Hotel, a 1999 Christopher Walken and Willem Dafoe film based on a short story by William Gibson. They play corporate moles hired to influence a Japanese bio-engineering expert to defect from one corporation to another. To seduce Dr. Hiroshi (Yoshitaka Amano) they hire a prostitute (Asia Argento) to win his affections. The plan doesn't work, and neither does the movie, really, but it's worth a look for the flamboyant performances from Walken and Dafoe.

Finally, back in the world of high tech espionage, the Ben Affleck thriller Paycheck is a good little movie released at the wrong time. Wedged between Gigli and Jersey Girl, it came out at the height of Bennifer and the nadir of audience interest in Affleck as an actor.

Based on a Philip K Dick short story, Affleck plays Jennings, a genius programmer hired by corporations to reverse engineer new products, recreating them anew. His work is so secretive that after he's done, his memory is wiped clean. The chicanery really begins when his employer (Aaron Eckhart) pulls a double cross, leaving Jennings with no money, no memory and a world of trouble.

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Oprah Winfrey. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Winfrey apologizes over Swiss bag dust-up

Oprah Winfrey really wishes everyone hadn't made such a big deal about her not being able to buy a handbag in Switzerland because the store clerk assumed she couldn't afford it.

"I think the incident in Switzerland was just an incident in Switzerland," Winfrey says, according to the BBC.

"I'm really sorry that it got blown up. I purposefully did not mention the name of the store. I'm sorry that I said it was Switzerland. It's not an indictment against the country, or even that store. It's just one person who didn't want to offer me the opportunity to see the bag."

Jennifer Garner

Garner wants to be known as more than Affleck's wife

Jennifer Garner makes it a point to attend some Hollywood events without husband Ben Affleck specifically so she'll be known as more than just his wife, she tells Allure magazine.

"It's a very conscious decision. Sometimes it's a pain because my heels are so high and it would be nice to have his arm. And he's such a great date," she says.

"But it can be too much. I think, especially for women, they can really lose their identity and just become 'wife of.'"

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Miley Cyrus knows she is white, m'kay?

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Miley Cyrus, who is white, teamed up with French Montana, who is Moroccan, for a remix of his hit song Ain't Worried 'Bout Nothin'.

A portion of the collaboration, which was shot on an iPhone video, was put out onto the Interwebs on Monday. In the grainy video, Cyrus raps about "having thick chicks" and "stuntin' during Fashion Week."

In response to the clip, comments poured in — many of which were not so nice and seemed quite racially motivated — to which Cyrus replied via Twitter, "i know what color my skin is. you can stop with the friendly reminders b—."

It's been very interesting to watch the singer, who brought twerking into the mainstream, shed her Disney background and play her career and artistic self the way she wants to play it — no genres, no boundaries, no rules. Good for you, Miley.

Mayim Bialik

Bialik opens up about divorce

Instead of asking for privacy during her divorce from Michael Stone, Mayim Bialik has been going quite public with the details, chronicling the ordeal on her blog on Kveller.com.

"I wanted to write about some of the more complicated aspects, and specifically there's certain things to Jewish divorce that people don't know about," she tells Access Hollywood Live.

"It's very intense. So I wrote for Kveller about some of those aspects in hopes of maybe (being) helpful to other people or other women."

Ed Sheeran

Swift's part of Sheeran's A-team

Ed Sheeran has become quite the fan of Taylor Swift in his time serving as her opening act on the road this summer, and most of that admiration is because Swift has "the most English sense of humour out of any American I've ever met," he tells E! News.

"She's just dry. She has a very dry sense of humour ... And Americans are usually like slapstick comedy. That's the big thing; but she's very English. She's like The Office — English Office. Not Steve Carell, Ricky Gervais."

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One thing I learned while in america, everyone has braces and it's great! Must be a dental scheme

Life can be one heck of a ride, especially on these coasters

Amusement. Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty of time to get your heart racing with these rides

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Metro World News in New York City

Pete Trabucco has a pretty thrilling job if you ask us — he's an amusement park expert. Yes, that's an actual job. Jealous? The author of America's Top Roller Coasters and Amusement Parks gave us the 411 on the best roller coasters in the United States for you to see this summer.

There is still plenty of coaster-weather left this year. ISTOCK IMAGES

Hottest new coaster

Gatekeeper Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio cedarpoint.com

Trabucco calls Cedar Point the "Mecca for all roller coaster enthusiasts." Gatekeeper is "one of the most anticipated rides that's coming out of that location," he says. "It's an absolutely amazing wing coaster in which you are actually suspended on the other side of this entire track," he says. "You are just flying with nothing but just air."

Cedar Point has 16 coasters, including Gatekeeper. It is also the only amusement park to have four coasters taller than 200 feet, including Top Thrill Dragster, the second tallest roller coaster in the world.

Tallest thriller

Kingda Ka Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.. sixflags.com/greatadventure

Going from zero to 128 m.p.h. in about four seconds, this steel accelerator reaches 456 feet before it drops 418 feet at a 90-degree angle.

Best wooden coaster

El Toro Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.

This ride became the first wooden coaster to use a cable lift instead of a chain lift, allowing for a much faster and steeper ride. El Toro has one of the steepest wooden-coaster drops and was voted the 2013 No. 1 wooden coaster by Amusement Today.

Best Florida coaster

Dragon Challenge Harry Potter World, Universal Park, Orlando, Fla. universalorlando.com/harrypotter

"The Dragon Challenge is basically two coasters that actually come tip to tip," says Trabucco. "When you're on the ride you actually almost touch toes as you loop the loop simultaneously."

Best kiddie coasters

"Any park that you go to, you're going to find at least one or two kid rides that are really well worth going on," Trabucco says. "If you're an adult and you're like me, you're not going to fit, but you hold your breath." Trabucco recommends:

- **Sesame Place Langhorne, Pa.** sesameplace.com
- **Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.** disneyworld.disney.go.com
- **Runaway Mine Train Six Flags Great Adven- ture, Jackson, N.J.** sixflags.com/greatadventure

World's largest

Safari expansion nets Six Flags' new title

Move over Disney. Six Flags Great Adventure is now the world's largest park thanks to its newest expansion ride, Safari Off Road Adventure.

The Jackson, N.J., theme park reimagined its 38-year-old Wild Safari park during the off-season, outfitting the 350-acre, 1,200-animal preserve with 18 open-air safari vehicles customized from surplus army trucks.

"It's a worthwhile, interesting attraction," says Paul Ruben, industry expert and North American editor of Park World magazine.

By merging the Safari reserve with the existing Great Adventure property, the park is now 510 acres — surpassing Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom (500 acres) as the world's largest theme park.

CHRIS LONGO

Tragedy on vacation: how to deal

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When tragedy strikes during a vacation, it can be especially jarring. Not only are you dealing with a horrible situation, but you are in unfamiliar surroundings with no loved ones around to comfort or assist.

It is important to understand that the help you will receive from the Canadian government's consular services may be limited. If someone dies while travelling abroad, they will not pay for the burial, cremation or repatriation costs of a deceased Canadian, although they can provide advice and contact relatives. The related expenses are your responsibility. However, the Department of Justice Canada may sometimes provide financial assistance to Canadians who are victims of violent crimes abroad through its Victims Fund.

You are also responsible to register the death according to local regulations and get a local death certificate. However a call to a qualified funeral home in both Canada and the country where the death occurred will save you a lot of paperwork. Both must be involved in returning the remains home.

Most airlines have stopped offering bereavement fares but they are still available for some international routes. You will often get a better deal by booking the lowest and most restricted fare available. Urns may be considered carry-on baggage and caskets are considered cargo.

If you end up in custody because you have broken or are accused of breaking the laws of another country, you are subject to their judicial system. Consular services can provide you with a list of local lawyers, but won't intervene in private legal matters, provide legal advice, post bail or get you out of prison.

As far as getting financial assistance with some of these unexpected tragedies, always check your travel insurance and credit card policy to see what kind of coverage is included. Some policies may cover the preparation and repatriation of remains or they may simply cover cremation or local burial. Also, be clear on whether you have to pay upfront and be reimbursed with receipts or if you must contact your provider first to have them handle certain arrangements. Finally, always leave copies of insurance documents, passports, credit cards and photo IDs at home with loved ones. It will make it easier for them to assist you.

The Canadian consular services can often provide help and advice. ISTOCK

A crepe isn't a crepe without a plum

These crepes are delicious for breakfast, brunch or dessert. The plums are cooked with star anise until just soft and complemented by the cardamom in the whipped cream.

Ingredients

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, plus extra for cooking crepes
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt

Plums

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 6 blue plums, pitted and quartered
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) semi-dry white wine (such as Riesling)
- 8 whole star anise pods
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon

Whipped Cream

- 250 ml (1 cup) whipping cream (35 per cent)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) liquid honey
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cardamom

1. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, flour and salt until no lumps remain. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before making crepes.

2. Plums: In a large heavy-bottomed skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Brown cut side of plums for about 2 minutes per side; sprinkle with sugar. Add wine, star anise pods and lemon zest to skillet and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook until plums are soft, about 4 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove plums to a heatproof bowl.

3. Bring syrup to boil; boil until reduced by half, 5 to 6 minutes. Add lemon juice to taste; pour over plums. Cover and let cool to room temperature.

4. Crepes: Heat a 20-cm (8-inch) non-stick skillet over medium heat. Brush pan with melted butter. Pour 75 ml (1/3 cup) batter into centre of pan, tilting pan to cover bottom thinly. Return to heat for about 1 minute or until bottom is lightly browned. Using a spatula, flip crepe over and brown other side. Remove to a plate. Repeat with remaining batter, buttering pan if needed. (Refrigerate crepes if not using immediately.)

5. Whipped Cream: Using an electric mixer, whip cream on medium until thickened slightly. Slowly add honey and cardamom, whipping until stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

6. Remove star anise pods from plums. Place crepes on cutting board. Divide plum mixture among 8 crepes, spooning mixture onto one half. Fold crepes over. Carefully transfer to serving plates; garnish with whipped cream and a star anise pod. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CHEF TAFIK SHEHATA FOR FOODLAND ONTARIO

Plum Crepes With Cardamom and Honey Whipped Cream

This recipe serves eight. COURTESY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drink of the Week

Breakfast of Champs

Kick off any hot summer day with this refreshing punch. It's simple and delicious, with lemon juice, simple syrup and soda water.

- 8.5 oz Belvedere Vodka
- 4 oz lemon juice
- 3 oz simple syrup
- 16 oz soda water

Add all ingredients into a glass jug. Garnish with lemon slices and mint.

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It may feel like the end of the world but this is the perfect time to prove yourself as a professional. ISTOCK

The dos and don'ts of dealing with a d'oh!

Mending your first mistake. Turn that blunder into an opportunity to impress your business buds

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Mistakes happen, especially when first hatching your career.

There's a lot to learn, a new workplace "style" to adhere to, and a ton of egg-citing but sometimes challenging scenarios.

It doesn't help that being a new hire can be nerve-wracking as well.

The good news is that it's more than likely that your employer will be understanding of your first "whoops" if you handle it properly. This is easy if you're equipped with the right skills.

We did some research on how to overcome your first mistake at work and asked around to get more ideas.

Take responsibility

You've acknowledged that a mistake has been made, developed a solution and brought the situation to your manager. Now it's time to apologize.

- Your apology doesn't have to be an over-wrought speech, but it should be genuine.
- Apologizing shows your employer right off the bat that you are being professional about the situation and gives him or her the confidence to believe that you will make it right.

Acknowledge that you've made a mistake

You've accidentally replied to everyone in a sensitive email, sent the wrong message or double-booked your boss.

The first thing to do is acknowledge the mistake. Don't sweep it under the rug for someone else to find. Owning up prevents the mistake from snowballing into a serious problem.

This is also the perfect time to take any responsible steps to reverse the mistake, if possible.

Advise your manager

The best thing to do after realizing that you have made a mistake and taking the proper steps to come up with a solution is to advise your manager.

This may be a scary thing, but telling your manager about a mistake is a lot less scary than being asked about it.

While no one likes mistakes, you need to believe that your manager will understand and appreciate your honesty.

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Tennis

Raonic, Pospisil continue hot streak

Fresh off their inspired performances at the Rogers Cup, Canadians Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil are into the second round of the Western & Southern Open.

Raonic, who dropped Sunday's final in Montreal to Rafael Nadal, defeated Jack Sock 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 on Tuesday night to advance.

The 12th seed from Thornhill, Ont., now ranked a career-high 10th on the ATP Tour after beating Pospisil in the Rogers Cup semifinals, disposed of Sock in just under two hours.

Pospisil, now also ranked a career-best at No. 40, advanced when France's Gilles Simon retired with an injury.

Simon was trailing 6-3, 1-1 when he ended the match. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic points to his top 10 ranking. GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Former league MVP on waivers

The Minnesota Twins have placed Canadian first baseman Justin Morneau on revocable waivers.

If Morneau is claimed before Wednesday's deadline, the Twins can work out a trade with the claiming team to let that team take his contract or pull him back and keep him in Minnesota.

Morneau, a native of New Westminster, B.C., has been a cornerstone of the team for a decade. The former AL most valuable player is in the final year of his contract.

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Brianne Theisen Eaton competes in the javelin throw in the heptathlon at the World Athletics Championships in Moscow, Tuesday. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newlywed ups her game to win silver

Track and field. Theisen Eaton captures her first world championship medal to complement her husband's gold

The Eatons finished their working honeymoon in Russia on Tuesday, ever so close to making it a double-gold celebration at the world track and field championships.

Brianne Theisen Eaton of Humboldt failed to sufficiently shake off Ganna Melnichenko in the final 800-metre race of the heptathlon and finished with a silver medal two days after her husband, Ashton Eaton, won gold in the decathlon.

Making history

The medal was Canada's second in Moscow after London, Ont.'s Damian Warner won bronze in the decathlon.

- It's the first time Canadian athletes have ever won medals in male and female combined events at the same world championship.

Damian Warner GETTY IMAGES

After two days of competition, Theisen Eaton no longer had the legs to create a decisive gap ahead of Melnichenko. And while the Ukrainian went celebrating wrapped in her national flag, Theisen Eaton wrapped herself in the warmest of embraces of her smiling husband Ashton Eaton, an American who won gold in the decathlon earlier this week.

Barely a month after marriage, they proved it was a near-perfect competitive match as she gained her first global medal.

"I watched Ashton the last couple of years winning all his medals and could only sit back and imagine what that felt like," said Theisen Eaton.

"Ashton and I talked about both being on the podium here, it was definitely our plan. We'll probably just go home now, sit on the couch for a few days watching television and eating crappy food."

A real honeymoon could also be on the agenda.

"We're contemplating on the honeymoon," Theisen Eaton said. "Now would be the perfect time to go lay on the beach."

Melnichenko won her first major competition with 6,586 points, compared to 6,530 for Theisen Eaton, who became the third Canadian woman to win a world championship medal. Hurdlers Priscilla Lopes-Schliep (silver in 2009) and Perdita Felicien (gold in 2003 and silver 2007) are the others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dead hockey player remembered as 'gentle large boy'

A junior hockey player who died suddenly at a training camp this week was a large but gentle boy who had recently started to show academic promise, his former principal said Tuesday.

Paul Kitchen, head of school at Rothesay Netherwood in New Brunswick, said staff and students have been hit hard by the death of Jordan Boyd.

The 16-year-old boy died Monday after collapsing during a skating drill at tryouts for the Acadie-Bathurst Titan of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Kitchen said the 270-student private school in Rothesay is reaching out to offer support to Boyd's parents, who had been thrilled by their son's academic progress.

"Jordan is a fine, fine young man who worked hard at his academics, who worked hard at his relationship with others," Kitchen said in an interview.

"He was ... this gentle, gentle large boy with this smile on his face."

The league said a physical therapist provided CPR after Boyd fell on the ice, lost consciousness and stopped breathing at a rink in Bathurst, N.B. Results from an autopsy are expected later this week.

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DRIVE

Enjoy ultra comfort in the S Class

Second gear. 2007-2013 Mercedes S Class

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One of the world's foremost flagship sedans, the last-generation Mercedes S-Class was available from model years 2007 to 2013 inclusive. Look for numerous engine options, all wheel drive, and special versions — including performance tuned models, hybrid-powered models and more.

In the used market, S-Class examples with the AMG designation are equipped with upgraded engines, brakes, chassis components and track-validated driveline upgrades for a high-performance package. The 4Matic designation indicates the presence of all wheel drive (AWD).

Feature content was exhaustive. Look for options like navigation, voice-command, adaptive xenon lights, night-vision, adaptive suspension, premium audio, climate controlled seats, an emergency calling system, heated steering wheel and plenty more.

Common issues

You'll want to confirm proper operation of all of its numerous electronic systems and features. Double check all windows, locks, power seats, the navigation system, air suspension (if equipped) and climate control system. Pay special attention to the gear shifter. This electronic-style shifter adds convenience, though several owners have reported issues getting it to select the gear they want. According to owners forums, shoppers should also confirm proper operation of the washer-fluid pump, power seat lumbar control and backup camera system.

Problems with worn-out timing gears inside the engines on earlier models are well documented. So are transmission issues that may require repair and even replacement of the gearbox. Out-of-warranty repairs of these parts will be very costly, so shoppers are advised to protect themselves by opting for as new a model as possible or opting for any additional powertrain warranty coverage available.

Proper and timely dealer-performed maintenance is important for the long-term quality and reliability of a used S-Class. As such, shoppers are advised against purchasing a model without full service records.

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What owners like

S-Class owners rate the style, comfort, presence and exclusivity of their rides very highly. World-class comfort and a very quiet ride are also reported. The AWD system, wide range of safety features and a locked-on driving feel all add confidence.

What owners dislike

Owners of cars in this price range are typically reluctant to list any complaints, and the S-Class is no exception. Other than issues with parking (because of its size), and a few gripes about windshield-wiper performance, complaints are hard to track down.

The verdict

Transmission and timing-gear issues seem to have affected earlier S-Class models in this generation, reinforcing the importance of opting for extended powertrain warranty coverage, if possible. For maximum confidence, seek out a used S-Class from a Mercedes Benz pre-owned program.

Watching for cyclists? Your car can too

Driving force. The clever radar system Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection is a godsend that will save lives

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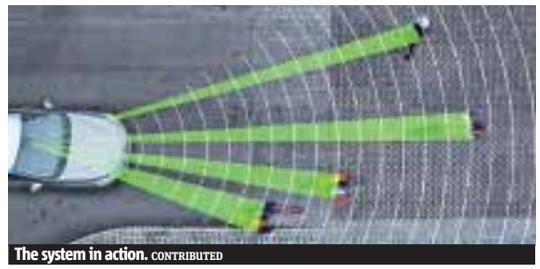
In a collision between a car and a bicycle, the car is going to win every time. While several automakers have emergency braking or cruise control systems that can recognize other vehicles ahead, some can also identify cyclists, including the system from Volvo.

The system, called Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection with full auto brake, is able to identify the unique shape of someone on a bicycle ahead of the car. "It's a camera and radar-based system," says Martin Magnusson, senior engineer and function developer for Volvo Cars in Sweden. "It uses a camera to detect the bicycle and cyclist, and then it uses radar to confirm the detection. It will look for the characteristics of a human being, the head, arms and legs, and then it also detects that there is a bicycle." The system uses Volvo's Auto Brake, which will automatically apply the vehicle's brakes if it detects an imminent collision, and the driver ignores a warning and doesn't hit the brakes. At lower speeds, it can stop the car before it hits something.

At higher speeds, the car might not have enough time to stop completely, but the impact speed will be reduced. The chance of serious injury or death skyrockets as speed increases. It's estimated that a pedestrian hit by a car going 32 km/h has a five per cent chance of being killed, but if the car is going 64 km/h, the risk of fatality increases to 85 per cent.



The system in action. CONTRIBUTED

"The system constantly monitors the traffic situation and does what we call select assessment," Magnusson says. "It's a threat evaluation, (to see if) it's a dangerous situation or not. When there is a high risk of a collision with a bicycle, the system will warn with a red flashing light in the windshield and a warning sound. If the driver doesn't react, the system will automatically brake the vehicle."

Developing the system wasn't easy, since it has to be able to detect cyclists no matter what they are wearing, and in rain or bright sunshine. The system can also pick out motorcycles. At the moment, it can only detect cyclists that are riding in front of the car in the same direction, but engineers are working on identifying cyclists that ride across the car's path. "We are looking at new scenarios where people can be injured or killed, and we can work to add them," Magnusson says. According to CAA, some 7,500 cyclists are seriously injured in crashes each year in Canada, most of them during rush hour. The majority of cyclist deaths occur at intersections with lights or other traffic controls.

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So curious about plutonium's potential

Autopilot. With the success of The Curiosity on Mars should we now look at nuclear power as a viable car fuel source?

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Earlier this month, NASA's latest robotic rover, Curiosity, celebrated its first anniversary of roaming around the planet Mars. So far it's been a great road trip.

No tickets. Lots of fun photo opportunities. Lots of great rocks to pulverize with its lasers. Only one temporary breakdown.

For sure, the technology on this thing is just out of this world. Consider the six wheels, each with an independent drive motor, the instruments that can analyze rock formations, before and after the lasers zap them into a state of plasma, and the powerful jack-hammer located at the end of its six-foot robotic arm.

But the technology that really gets me going is its power source, otherwise known as the Multi-Mission Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator (MMRTG). Basically it's a nuclear thing, using non-weapon grade plutonium known as Plutonium 238.

The heat given off by plutonium's alpha rays can be used to keep things warm, and can be converted into lots and lots of electricity.

The other two Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, run on solar energy, but NASA felt nuclear was the better option for Curiosity's rock-analyzing mission, which called for power-hungry tools, and lots of travelling in winter (dark and cold) and through dusty territory (dust on solar panels).

NASA also uses an MMRTG for fuelling the probe currently on its way to Pluto.

Look, I'm no nuclear scientist, couldn't even play one on regional cable TV programming, but I'm pretty sure Curiosity is the only "vehicle" ever successfully fuelled by plutonium. Sure there are lots of nuclear-powered submarines and air craft carriers out there, and there's always the time-travelling DeLorean in Back to the Future, but after that the pickings get smaller than atom particles.

I don't believe Curiosity's "Check Engine" light came on once. Should we reconsider atomic cars, now that Curiosity has been so successful and reliable?

Well, to keep the discussion going, here's a short list of the pros and cons of powering future vehicles with plutonium-based thermoelectric generators:

Let's go plutonium!

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Let's not go plutonium!

- Drivers and passengers need to wear heavy and uncomfortable anti-radiation armour.
- It's pricey and rare. NASA's looking for $30 million to restart Plutonium 238 production, to top up dwindling supplies. NASA hopes to make three pounds per year.
- Could lead to more car thefts, as plutonium is fanatically and historically coveted by nefarious international villain types.
- Auto technicians at Canadian Tire will require additional training.

The nuclear-powered Curiosity explored the harsh terrains of Mars. CONTRIBUTED

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You may have big plans and big expectations but keep a sense of perspective. If you let your enthusiasm race too far ahead, you may make a mistake that slows you right down again. Get the balance right.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You have what it takes to succeed but there is a touch of doubt in your mind that keeps you from giving your all. What happens today will remind you that doubt can be overcome.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You are finding it hard to believe in yourself but it doesn't matter. What counts is that others believe in you, and they do. Take it easy today. You have nothing to prove.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone you meet socially will praise you to the skies and tell you what a fine human being you are but your intuition warns they are not to be trusted. It's a trick to lull you into a false sense of security.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
What you are worrying about is of no importance. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart may make it seem as if the world is against you but it's not true.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Someone in a position of power will try to force you to do something you don't agree with today but they won't succeed. Stand your ground and refuse to do anything that does not meet your standards.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's good to be reminded of your limits and what happens over the next 24 hours will stop you in your tracks and balance out a mistake of some kind. Next time, don't go over the top so quickly.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Let your rivals and enemies have the last word today. The yapping they do has very little effect, so why waste your time reacting to it? Save your energy and put it to better use.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is nothing wrong with your plans but some people will find fault with them. Ignore the critics and carry on as you are. That will annoy them far more than if you get involved in a war of words.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone you have to deal with today won't be in the best of moods but don't let their negativity rub off on you. When they see that their doom and gloom act is having no effect they will give up on it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
According to the planets what other people tell you is "the truth" and what is really the truth are two different things. Take everything you are told today, especially by "experts", with a large pinch of salt.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Try not to say anything that might be taken the wrong way by people who have the power to make life tough for you.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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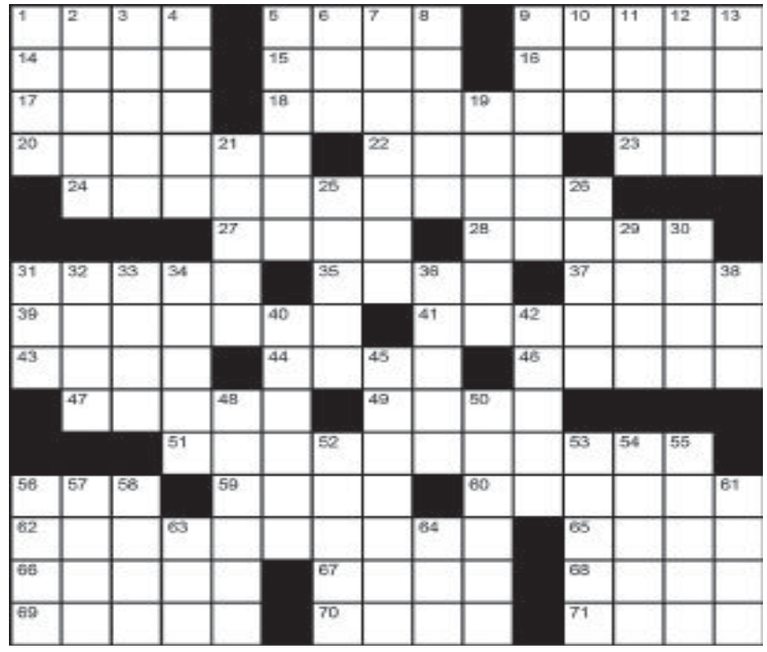
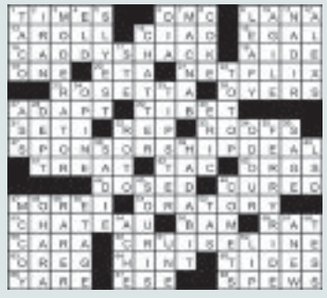


Across
1. "Best Song __" by One Direction
5. Cosmetic surgery procedure, commonly
9. Flavour
14. Cleave
15. "Walk Like _ __" by The Four Seasons
16. Extreme
17. E-Mail junk
18. Montreal's Expo 67, for one: 2 wds.
20. Boredom
22. Nautical ropes
23. Driver's li'l navigation aid
24. Like #48-Down's roof
27. Chew at
28. Lone Star State resident
31. Dishonour
35. Michael Jackson's second wife, Debbie __
37. Particular plant
39. Guernica artist
41. Skirt feature
43. Mr. Anthopoulos, Toronto Blue Jays GM
44. Village People hit
46. Furry mammal that can swim
47. Baseball base
49. Rock group's blasters
51. Chute __ (Very high waterfall in Quebec)
56. Sibling to sis'
59. Equipment
60. Refuge
62. Video game series: 2 wds.
65. Create
66. Helicopter part
67. Biblical birthright trader
68. Some athletes, e.g.
69. MuchMusic trophies, commonly
70. Quebec singer Mr. Simard
71. Feathered farm females

Down
1. Once, poetically
2. Venomous snake
3. Sidestep
4. Send payment
5. Sheriff, for one
6. Texting point-of-view
7. Movie sequel installment: 2 wds.
8. Songbook standard: "It's ___ Paper Moon"
9. Skirmish
10. The planet Melmac alien
11. Male deer
12. Stumble
13. Sense organs in Sumatra in Indonesia)
19. Creditor, informally
21. Recommends strongly
25. Ricochet shot in billiards
26. Glorify
29. Dismounted
30. __ the wiser
31. Sauna site
32. To the __ (Fully)
33. Banda __ (City
34. Men's magazine; or, saying
36. Classic toys company, __-_
38. Always, in verse
40. Locale on Cape Breton Island
42. Ten Commandments receiver
45. Alberta city southeast of Edmonton
48. Toronto Blue Jays home, __ Centre
50. Czech Republic capital
52. Giver's opposite
53. Mythical maiden
54. Ireland's County __
55. __ Gold (Type of potato)
56. Apartment listing abbr.
57. Leeway
58. According to a-ha, where the sun always shines: 2 wds.
61. Predicament
63. Tree in Hawaii
64. Grandma

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

1								4
	5	4				2	7	
			8	4	2			
		6	5	9	7	8		
5	7						6	3
		9	6	1	3	7		
			3	2	9			
	2	3				1	5	
9								2

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	3	1	6	8	2	7	5
8	7	6	2	9	5	4	1	3
2	1	5	4	7	3	6	8	9
3	8	2	5	4	9	1	6	7
1	6	7	8	3	2	5	9	4
9	5	4	6	1	7	8	3	2
6	4	9	7	2	1	3	5	8
7	2	8	3	5	6	9	4	1
5	3	1	9	8	4	7	2	6

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